The Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Cochin Chief Court Regulation Amendment Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill—Sec. 7 A (2).

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill, Sec. 7 a (2) be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried

The Cochin Boilers Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Cochin Boilers Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill—Sec. 56.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—I beg to move that the Cochin Village Panchayat

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Regulation Amendment Bill (Section 56) be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill—Sec. 9, 12 & 46.

* **Mr. Thomas Manjuran** *(Government Advocate and Law Officer).*—Sir, I beg to introduce the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

It will be noticed that this Bill covers three different matters, all bearing upon the Panchayat Law but not otherwise related to each other. These were all grouped together in the same Bill for reasons of convenience. Rather than very many individual bills, Government thought it advisable to have all these matters in one bill. The first matter is that mentioned in Clause 2 of the Bill and that relates to the resignation of Panchayatdars. It sometimes happens that when a Panchayat does not actually function, it would be rather difficult for Panchayatdars to resign. So, the machinery is provided here, viz., a Panchayatdar or President may resign his office by giving notice to the Government through the Panchayat but in cases where the Panchayat is not functioning, such resignation may be effected by giving notice to the Government either through the Tahsildar or the Magistrate or the District Registrar or the Panchayat Inspector or the Panchayat Overseer having jurisdiction over the village for which the Panchayat is established. The resignation shall take effect from the day on which it is accepted by the Government.

I will leave alone for a moment the next matter that is dealt with in section 3 and pass over to the last important one, section 4. That relates to the serving of summonses and other court orders from village courts. According to the existing law, if a party residing in an adjacent Panchayat has to be served with summons or some other orders, such processes have to be gone through the various Panchayats. Here, provision is introduced for the purpose of serving summons to the adjacent Panchayat also. So, these are two simple matters.

Now, we come to the second matter, that is the one dealt with in Clause 3 of the Bill. A little more explanation may be

* Speeches not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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